

Role Description – Officials

This team plays a vital role in providing our athletes a stage to compete in a fun and safe environment as well as providing athlete support and encouragement. It can take up a considerable amount of time if you wish, but whatever time you have to spare in this vital role there is a position for you. The club will consider refunding the costs of any course or workshop to assist in your development

For this position ideally, you'll need to:

- Be good at communicating.
- Be patient.
- Be organised
- Keen to learn by attending workshops and courses
- Be part of the team

Who is in the team and what do they do?

The club has around 12 qualified officials at various levels, they officiate at club events, leagues and national events. The officials pathway starts out with Assistant and is then numerical from 1 – 4 with courses or workshops available at each level.

- **Assistant:** This offers an introduction to assist in officiating and covers the basics in all disciplines. You will learn the specific judging principles of throws, jumps, track judging, timekeeping and starting. This course is designed to enable you to work within a team and develop key skills and a basic understanding of the fundamental rules of officiating.
- **Level 1:** Qualifies officials to operate in a single discipline such as a Track, Field, Timekeeper, Photo Finish or Starter/Starters Assistant. The courses/workshops are designed to help you to recognise the specific qualities required in each discipline. You will also learn about the equipment required, positioning, what you need to complete your role and the rules of the sport. Officials are able to enter the system at this level if they are aware of the discipline in which they wish to specialise in or have prior experience within athletics.
- **Levels 2 & 3:** Are a continuation of development within your chose discipline and are gained by experience and some further workshops.
- **Level 4:** This is for those who wish to be considered for officiating at UKA National level including international championship events.

How much time will it take? This is dependent on what level you want to officiate at. Club events and league meetings normally last three or four hours. With national events usually a full day – though it is possible to commit to part of the day only

Learning Initially, it will be by shadowing experienced officials then progressing onto workshops and formal qualifications, with continued mentoring from a named experienced official within your discipline. All will be required to undergo a PVG check

Support Direct support from Club Together Officer, Shona Malcolm – Officials Coordinator with Scottish Athletics and usually a named mentor for those wishing to progress within their discipline.

Can I try it for a while first? Yes. You can try any discipline for a few months to see if you enjoy it.

What you'll get out of it: This is a very rewarding role on many levels including providing a platform for athletes to compete, friendship with your fellow officials. The qualifications enhance any C.V

Further info Can be found [here](#)

What next? If you are interested, or want to chat about it simply drop an email to Graham Chambers fvhcdo@gmail.com or Tracy Hendrie at fvhsec@gmail.com

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